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CALIFORNIA EGG PRODUCTION

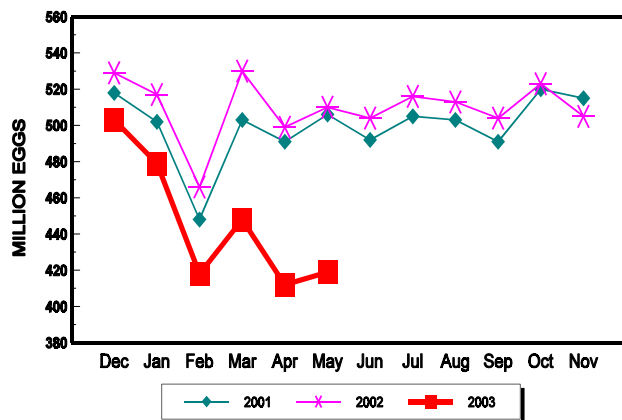
California's egg production during May totaled 419 million, 7.00 million more than last month, but 91.0 million less than last May. The average number of layers during the month totaled 19.7 million, up slightly from last month, but 16 percent lower than May 2002. Eggs per 100 layers during the month were 2,125, compared to 2,105 last month and 2,173 in May 2002.

U.S. MAY EGG PRODUCTION

U.S. egg production totaled 7.27 billion during May 2003, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.15 billion table eggs and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.06 billion were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during May 2003 averaged 334 million, down 1 percent from a year earlier. May egg production per 100 layers was 2,180 eggs, up slightly from May 2002. May 2003 contained 22 weekdays, one holiday, and five Saturdays, compared to May 2002 with 23 weekdays, one holiday, and four Saturdays.

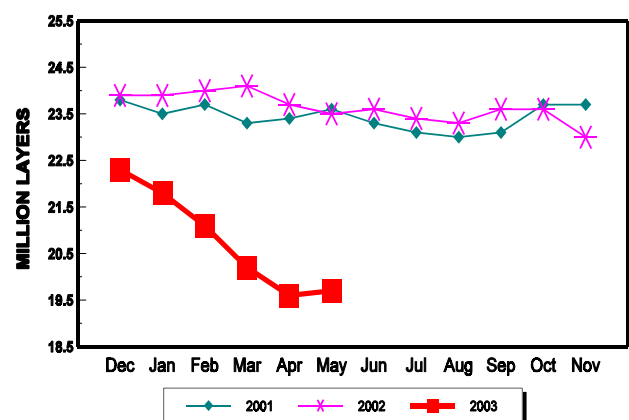
All layers in the U.S. totaled 334 million on June 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago. The 334 million layers consisted of 273 million layers producing table or commercial-type eggs, 57.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.68 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate-of-lay per day averaged 69.9 eggs per 100 layers on June 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year ago.

EGG PRODUCTION, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS, CALIFORNIA
DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

LAYER NUMBERS AND EGG PRODUCTION DURING MAY, FORCED MOLTING AS OF JUNE 1

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand		Eggs Per 100 Layers		Total Egg Production		Layers Being Molted		Layers With Molt Completed	
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	Thousands		Number		Millions		Percent			
Alabama	10,207	9,591	1,891	1,950	193	187	4.0	0.0	7.0	6.0
Arkansas	15,166	15,489	1,912	1,872	290	290	2.5	2.0	8.0	8.5
California	23,479	19,718	2,173	2,125	510	419	4.5	6.5	27.5	35.5
Georgia	19,968	20,553	2,068	2,082	413	428	6.0	6.0	14.0	13.5
Indiana	22,130	22,756	2,255	2,268	499	516	3.5	1.5	33.5	33.5
Iowa	36,875	37,612	2,283	2,204	842	829	3.0	5.0	30.0	35.5
North Carolina	11,225	11,055	1,933	1,990	217	220	3.0	3.0	6.0	8.0
Ohio	30,393	29,388	2,181	2,188	663	643	5.0	6.0	18.5	25.0
Pennsylvania	23,450	24,369	2,375	2,319	557	565	6.0	5.0	15.5	19.0
Texas	18,102	18,462	2,166	2,194	392	405	3.5	3.0	20.0	24.5
United States	335,865	333,716	2,173	2,180	7,297	7,274	4.2	4.2	22.2	23.4

U.S. BROILER HATCH

The May 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 792 million, was down 1 percent from May of the previous year. Eggs in incubators totaled 652 million on June 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

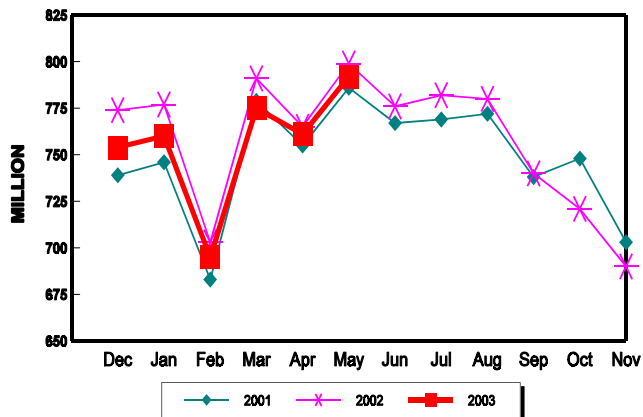
Leading breeders placed 7.60 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during May 2003, up slightly from May 2002.

BROILER-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$
	Thousands		Percent
Alabama	108,937	106,392	98
Arkansas	111,714	112,964	101
Delaware	13,086	13,656	104
Florida	8,811	5,587	63
Georgia	116,924	117,670	101
Kentucky	24,631	24,673	100
Louisiana	13,962	13,739	98
Maryland	35,921	35,666	99
Mississippi	70,010	70,870	101
North Carolina	71,984	70,083	97
Oklahoma	23,373	23,330	100
Pennsylvania	13,366	13,025	97
South Carolina	16,506	17,065	103
Texas	57,878	55,723	96
Virginia	23,956	24,658	103
California, Missouri, Tennessee, and West Virginia	63,443	63,650	100
Other States 1/	24,760	23,154	94
UNITED STATES	799,262	791,905	99

1/ Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

BROILER CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



1/ Previous Year

U.S. EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED

Egg-type chicks hatched during May totaled 38.2 million, down 1 percent from May 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 33.7 million on June 1, 2003, up 4 percent from a year ago.

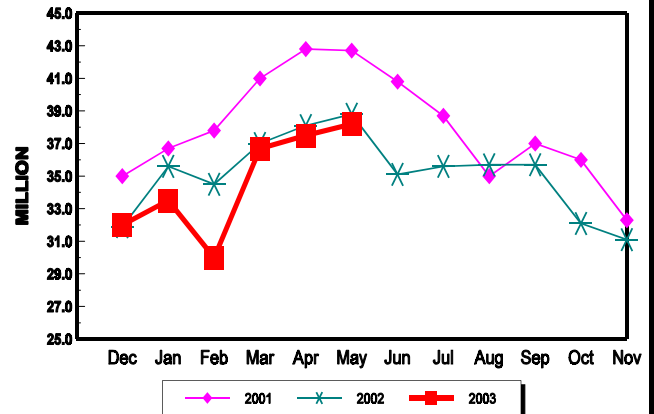
Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 279 thousand during May 2003, down 13 percent from May 2002.

EGG-TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, MAY

State	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$
	Thousands		Percent
Arkansas	894	965	108
Florida	564	692	123
Georgia	2,192	2,429	111
Indiana	4,943	5,191	105
Iowa	6,233	6,561	105
Minnesota	1,303	1,458	112
Pennsylvania	4,200	4,247	101
Other States 1/	18,422	16,663	90
UNITED STATES	38,751	38,206	99

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EGG TYPE CHICKS HATCHED, UNITED STATES DECEMBER 1/ THROUGH NOVEMBER, 2001-2003



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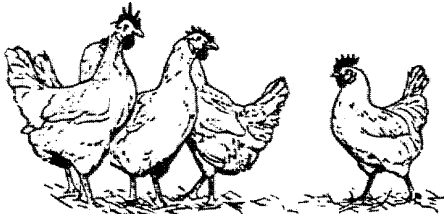
EGGS IN INCUBATORS, JUNE 1

Geographic Division	Broiler-Type			Egg-Type		
	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$	2002	2003	$\frac{2003}{2002}$
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
North Atlantic	12,778	12,264	96	5,039	4,761	94
East No. Central	7,891	8,440	107	6,692	7,492	112
West No. Central	21,973	22,705	103	6,721	7,531	112
South Atlantic	245,316	240,077	98	3,840	2,910	76
South Central	346,084	342,872	99	5,416	5,193	96
West	24,388	25,535	105	4,734	5,818	123
UNITED STATES	658,430	651,893	99	32,442	33,705	104

POULTRY AND EGG PRICES

The average May prices received by California producers, when compared to April average prices, decreased seven cents per dozen for market eggs.

Nationally, the May average prices received by producers increased two cents for broilers, while turkey prices decreased 0.7 cents compared to last month. Prices for market eggs decreased 12.3 cents per dozen.



POULTRY AND EGG AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	May 2002	Apr. 2003	May 2003
Cents				
CALIFORNIA				
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	25.0	53.0	46.0
UNITED STATES				
Chickens-Broilers	Lbs.	30.0	31.0	33.0
Market Eggs ^{2/}	Doz.	30.1	52.0	39.7
Turkeys ^{2/}	Lbs.	35.8	35.1	34.4

^{1/} The estimated prices shown in the table represent composite average prices received by producers. They are averages for all grades, classes and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} Mid-month prices.

U.S. TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION

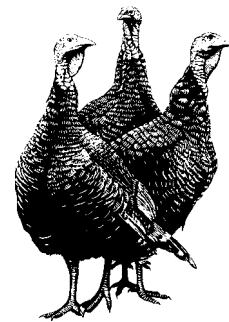
Turkey eggs in incubators in the United States totaled 33.0 million on June 1, 2003, up slightly from June 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 3 percent above the May 2003 total of 32.1 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 5 percent; West North Central, up 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 13 percent; South Central, down 25 percent; and West, down slightly.

The 24.9 million poult placed during May 2003 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were virtually unchanged from the April 2003 total of 24.9 million. Regional changes from the previous year were as follows: East North Central, down 6 percent; West North Central, down 4 percent; North and South Atlantic, up 14 percent; South Central, down 30 percent; and West, down 6 percent.

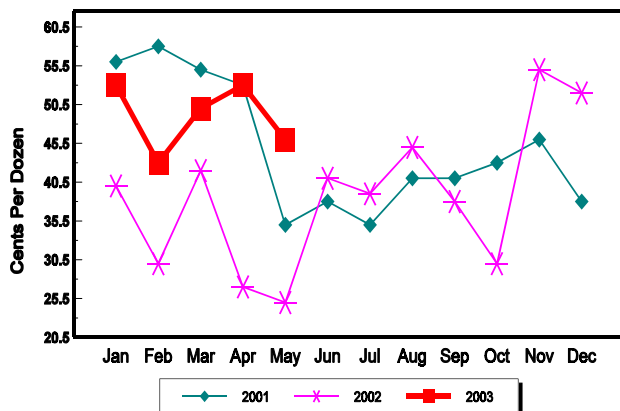
ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators June 1		²⁰⁰³	Poults Placed During May ^{1/}		²⁰⁰³
	2002	2003	2002	2002	2003	2002
	Thousands		Pct.	Thousands		Pct.
E N Central	5,056	4,817	95	4,095	3,832	94
W N Central	11,704	11,772	101	9,499	9,084	96
N&S Atlantic	8,879	10,068	113	6,978	7,987	114
S Central	3,429	2,559	75	2,762	1,944	70
West	3,835	3,826	100	2,217	2,086	94
U.S.	32,903	33,042	100	25,551	24,933	98

^{1/} Excludes exported poult.



MARKET EGG PRICES, CALIFORNIA JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER, 2001-2003



TURKEY POULT PLACEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		⁰²⁻⁰³	Cumulative Total		⁰²⁻⁰³
	2001-02	2002-03	01-02	2001-02	2002-03	01-02
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Sept.	22,414	22,670	101	22,414	22,670	101
Oct.	24,128	23,811	99	46,542	46,481	100
Nov.	24,226	23,987	99	70,768	70,468	100
Dec.	24,499	23,977	98	95,267	94,445	99
Jan.	25,880	25,389	98	121,147	119,834	99
Feb.	24,266	23,833	98	145,413	143,667	99
Mar.	25,746	24,902	97	171,159	168,569	98
Apr. ^{2/}	26,184	24,938	95	197,343	193,507	98
May	25,551	24,933	98	222,894	218,440	98
June	24,409			247,303		
July	25,646			272,949		
Aug.	24,924			297,873		

^{1/} Excludes exported poult.

^{2/} Revised "Total All Breeds, 2002-03" data.

PACIFIC COAST AND UNITED STATES COLD STORAGE

Commodity	Unit	May 2002	April 2003	May 2003	<u>May 2003</u> May 2002	<u>May 2003</u> Apr. 2003
		Thousands			Percent	
PACIFIC COAST						
Turkeys	Lbs.	73,008	77,771	76,818	105	99
Chickens	Lbs.	59,498	49,953	41,367	70	83
Ducks	Lbs.	88	50	59	67	118
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	132,594	127,774	118,244	89	93
UNITED STATES						
Turkeys	Lbs.	578,229	573,451	655,995	113	114
Chickens	Lbs.	836,967	731,962	696,668	83	95
Ducks	Lbs.	7,006	6,043	5,995	86	99
Total Frozen Poultry	Lbs.	1,422,202	1,311,456	1,358,658	96	104
Eggs, Frozen	Lbs.	11,094	15,743	17,861	161	113